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We gather this weekend to
celebrate Memorial Day.
In addition to the
festivities that we enjoy,
we should also remember



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Those that have given of themselves in the fight for the freedoms we enjoy today, such as these brave people that are being escorted home from far away lands. What symbols do you see that demonstrate our appreciation for those that gave all for their country?

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Yes, the
old stars
and
stripes



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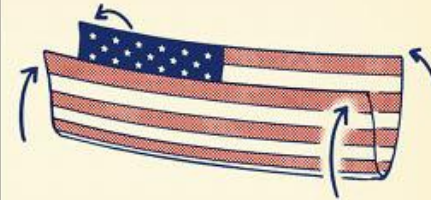
As you know there is a specific way to fold our nation's flag.

Folding the American Flag

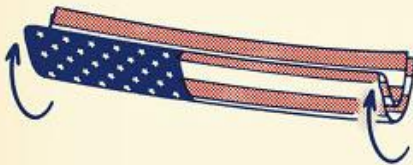
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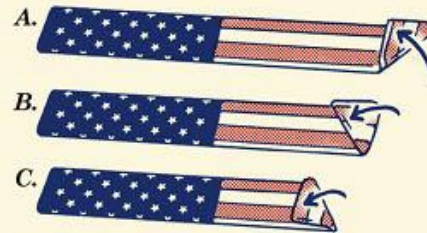
Hold the flag waist-high with a partner; the flag should be parallel with the ground.



Bring the upper and lower halves of the flag together, folding it lengthwise in half.



Fold the flag lengthwise again, bringing the lower half up to the top. The field of stars should be visible on the left side.



- A. Bring the striped corner of the folded edge up to meet the top edge of the flag, making a small triangle.
- B. Fold the triangle over itself, making the triangle point inward.
- C. Continue triangular folding.



The triangular folding continues until the entire length of the flag is folded. When the flag is completely folded, only a triangular blue field of stars should be visible. Tuck the remaining rectangle into the triangle's folds.

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Some are
this size and
can be
handled by
this flag
detail of
sailors.

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While
others are
much larger.
But despite
the size, it
still means
the same

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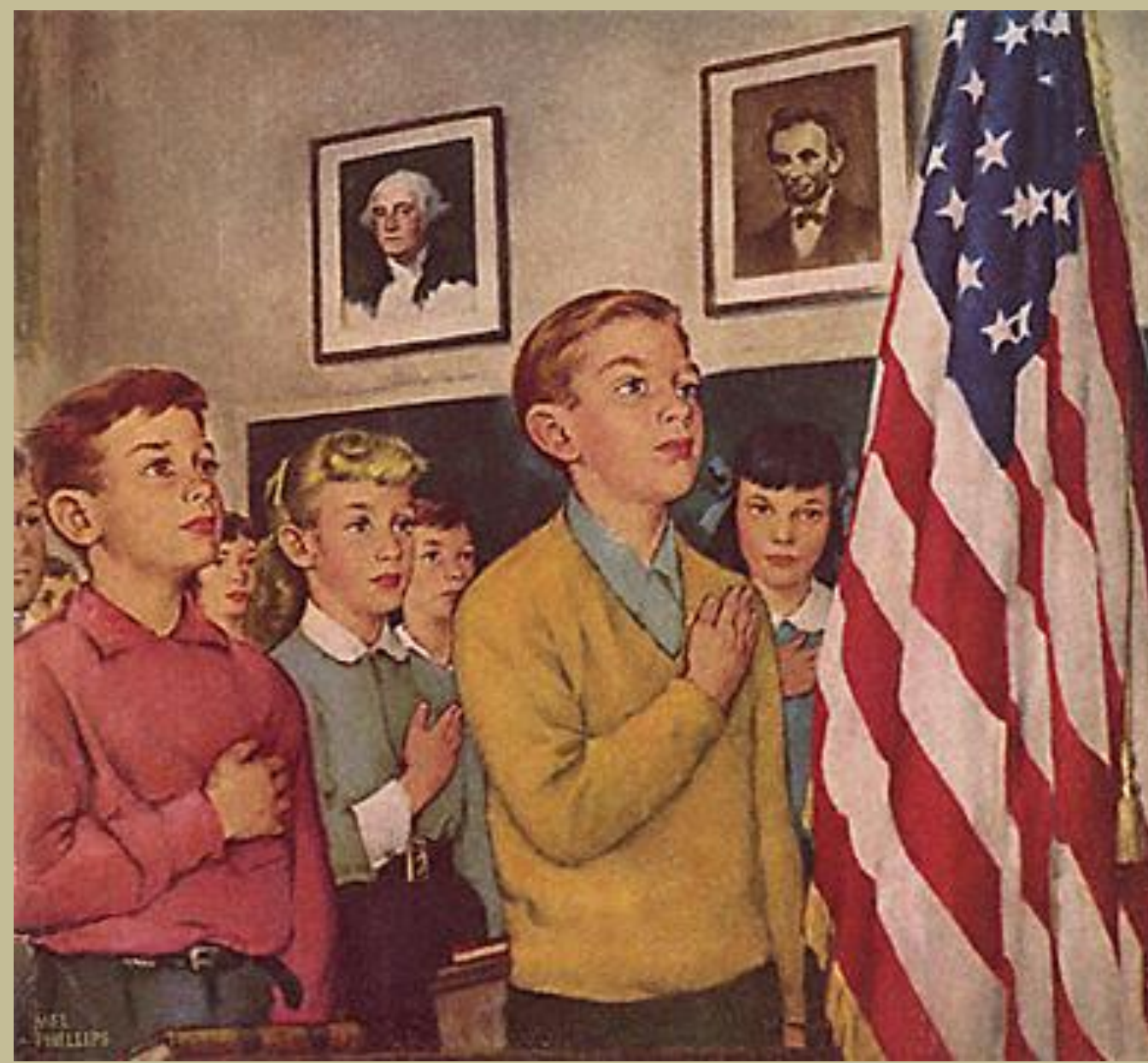
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we have held dear



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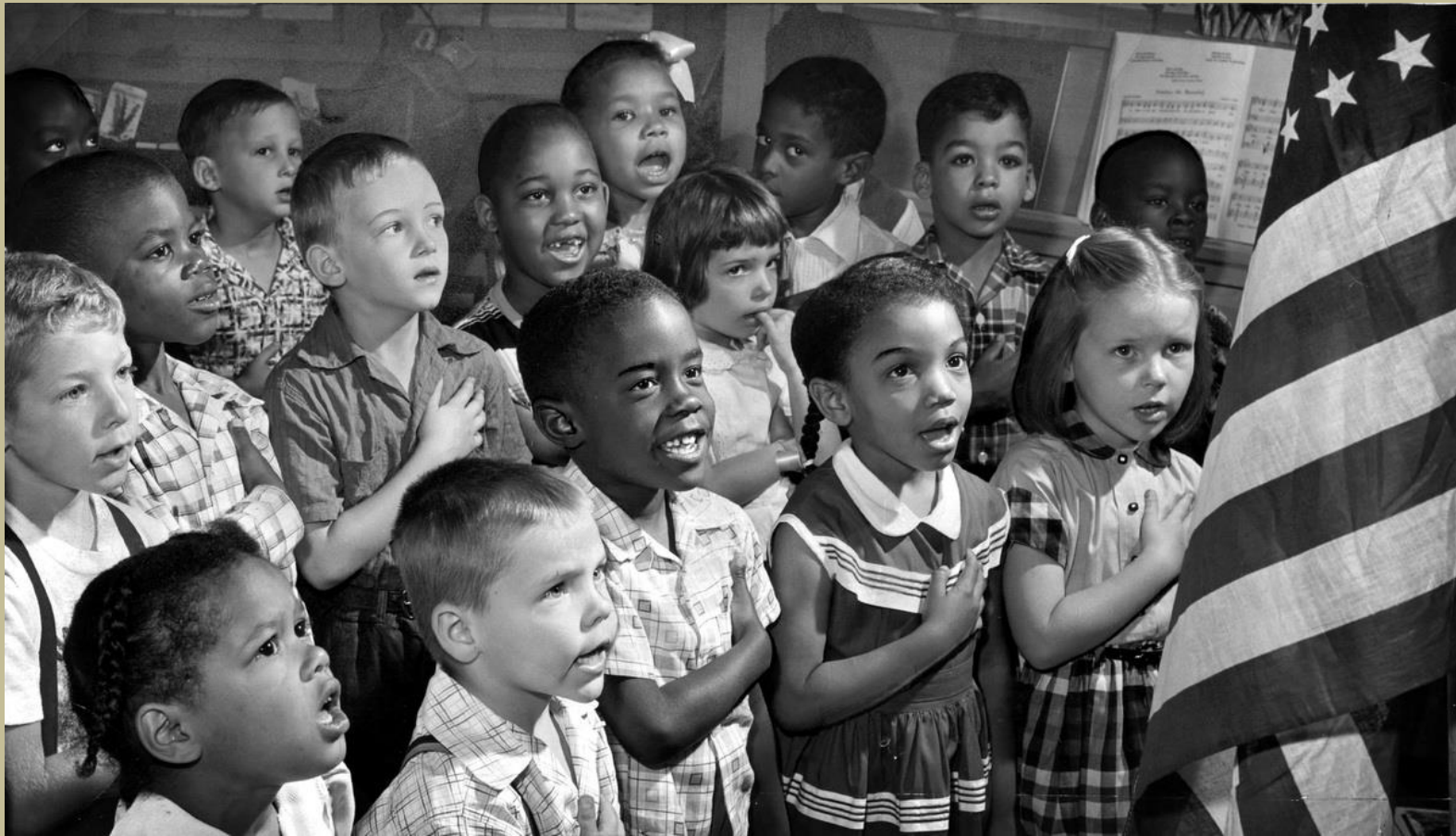
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generations

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Out of many, one

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As I said before, there is a specific way our flag is folded and each fold is also significant

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1. Symbol of life

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2. Belief in eternal life

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3. Remembrance
of the veterans
departing our
ranks who gave a
portion of their
lives for the
defense of our
country to attain
peace throughout
the world.

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4. Our weaker nature, for as American citizens trusting it is to Him we turn to in times of peace as well as in time of war for His divine guidance.

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5. Tribute to our country. “In dealing with other countries may she always be right; but it is still our country, right or wrong.” – Stephen Decatur

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6. Where our hearts lie. It is with our heart that we pledge allegiance to the flag and what it represents.

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7. To our
Armed
Forces that
protect our
country
against all
enemies,
whether
they are
found
within or
outside the
boundaries
of our
republic.

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8. To the one
who entered
into the valley
of the shadow
of death, that
we might see
the light of
day, and to
honor mother
for whom it
flies on
Mother's Day.

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9. To
womanhood,
for it is through
their faith, love ,
loyalty and
devotion that
the character of
the men and
women who
made this
country great
has been
molded.

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10. To the father, for he, too, has given his sons and daughters for the defense of our country since they were first born.

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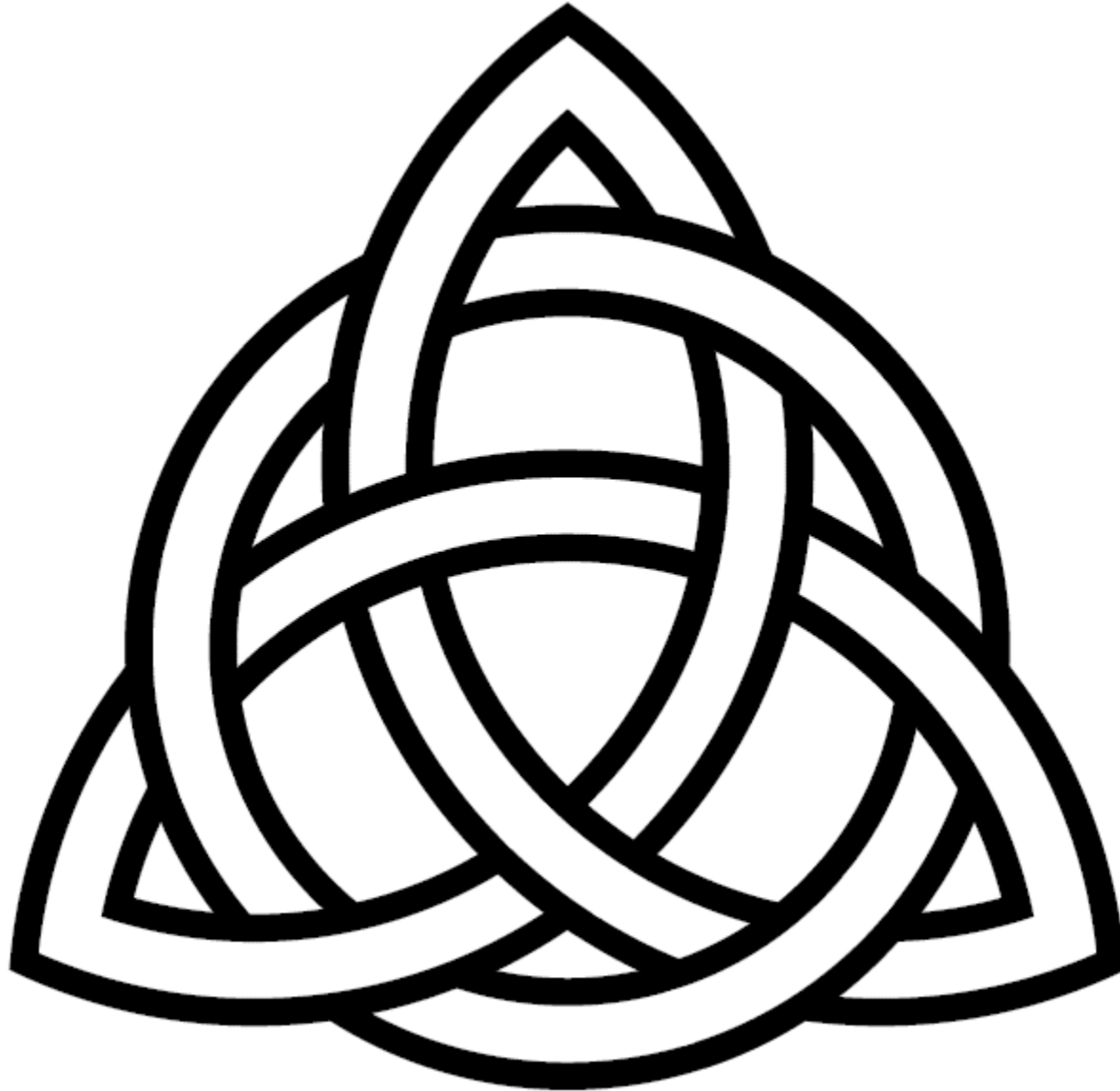
11. In the eyes
of the Hebrew
citizen
represents the
lower portion
of the seal of
King David and
King Solomon,
and glorifies in
their eyes, the
God of
Abraham, Isaac
and Jacob.

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12. In the eyes of a Christian citizen, represents an emblem of eternity and glorified in their eyes, God the Father, the Son and Holy Spirit.

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13. When folded, the stars are reminding us of our Nation's motto, "In God We Trust." The folded flag takes on the appearance of a hat, ever reminding us of soldiers that served under General George Washington, and the Sailors and Marines who served under Captain John Paul Jones who were followed by their comrades and shipmates of the Armed Forces of the United States, preserving for us the rights, privileges, and freedoms we enjoy today.

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Thanks to those that did for us.